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SUBJECT: TELECOMMUNICATIONS TRADE MISSION

REF: (A) CAIRO 16777 (NOTAL) (B) STATE 287385,
(C) USDOC 21264 (D) USDOC 20885

1. REFTTEL PROPOSED THAT CAIRO BE DELETED FROM ITINERARY
OF SUBJECT TRADE MISSION BECAUSE OF PROXIMITY OF PROPOSED
DATES (FEBRUARY 20-23) TO OPENING OF CAIRO FAIR AND FACT
THAT ILLINOIS IOCA WAS SCHEDULED FOR EARLIER IN SAME
MONTH. WE HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED A RESPONSE TO THAT
PROPOSAL.

2. NOW THAT ILLINOIS MISSION HAS BEEN CANCELLED, WE ARE
PREPARED TO HOST TELECOMMUNICATIONS MISSION IF IT IS
POSSIBLE TO SHIFT DATES TO SOMEWHAT EARLIER IN MONTH.

IN ADDITION TO PROBLEMS POSED BY REQUIREMENT OF SUPPORT FOR
US PAVILLION AT FAIR, USDOC SHOULD NOTE THAT EMBASSY IS
NORMALLY CLOSED ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19 AND
20, AND FEBRUARY 21 IS A U.S. HOLIDAY. THIS WOULD FURTHER
LIMIT ABILITY TO PROVIDE NECESSARY SUPPORT TO MISSION.
WE THEREFORE REQUEST, IF IT IS STILL POSSIBLE, THAT SCHEDULE
BE RE-ARRANGED TO PERMIT EARLIER CAIRO VISIT. PLEASE
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ADVISE SOONEST IF MISSION STILL WISHES INCLUDE CAIRO ON

ITINERARY.

3. IF SO, WE WILL NEED NAME OF ADVANCE MAN OR CONFIRMATION
OF FACT IF IT IS TO BE MISSION DIRECTOR DESIGNATE MCCLEAN.
WE WILL SEEK HOTEL RESERVATION FOR JANUARY 24-29 WHEN
NAME KNOWN.

4. PLEASE ADVISE FINAL LIST OF PARTICIPANTS AS SOON AS
FIRM. ASSUME COMMERCE AWARE THAT HOTEL RESERVATIONS DIFFICULT
OBTAIN IN CAIRO AND ROOMS MUST BE PAID FOR VEN IF NOT
REQUIRED, UNLESS HOTEL NOTIFIED FAR IN ADVANCE.

5. INFO ON COST OF TRANSLATING/PRINTING BROCHURE BEING
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